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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 17TH OF EVERY YEAR AS A DAY TO COMMEMORATE
AND RECOGNIZE THE EVENTS AND STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE THAT LED
TO THE UNITED CHURCHES OF CHRIST'S *APOLOGY TO NA KANAKA*
MAOLI AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL APOLOGY TO NATIVE
HAWAIIANS.

1 WHEREAS, January 17, 2013, will be the twentieth
2 anniversary of the United Churches of Christ's *Apology to Na*
3 *Kanaka Maoli* presented by Dr. Paul Sherry, the President of the
4 United Church of Christ; and

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6 WHEREAS, this year marks the twentieth anniversary of the
7 United States Congressional Apology to Native Hawaiians, Public
8 Law 103-150, signed by President William Clinton; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center,
11 Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, Matsunaga Institute for Peace and
12 Conflict Resolution at the University of Hawaii, Myron B.
13 Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii, and
14 many other organizations have supported efforts to educate the
15 public regarding events that led to the foregoing apologies and
16 for further reconciliation efforts; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Kawaiaha'o Church,
19 Kaumakapili Church, Harris United Methodist Church, St.
20 Augustine By-the-Sea, and the Central Union Church have hosted
21 annual events commemorating the foregoing apologies, which
22 included educational activities and other efforts to promote
23 justice and further reconciliation efforts; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Legislature has initiated and supported
26 similar efforts to promote justice and reconciliation over the
27 last 20 years, including the recognition and honoring of
28 President Grover Cleveland and Queen Liliuokalani; now,
29 therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
33 that this body designates January 17th of every year as a day to



1 recognize and commemorate the Native Hawaiian struggle for
2 justice and reconciliation related to the events leading up to
3 the United Churches of Christ's *Apology to Na Kanaka Maoli* and
4 United States Congressional Apology to Native Hawaiians, Public
5 Law 103-150; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes the
8 courage, faith, and hope Queen Liliuokalani exhibited after the
9 overthrow of the Hawaiian Monarchy and her unyielding devotion
10 to justice, mercy, and reconciliation on behalf of the Native
11 Hawaiian people; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body commits itself to the
14 furtherance of justice for Native Hawaiians and to furthering
15 reconciliation efforts between the United States government and
16 Native Hawaiians; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
20 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, President
21 Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Chief Executive Officer
22 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, President and Conference
23 Ministers of the United Church of Christ, Bishop of the
24 Episcopal Church, President of the Association of Hawaiian
25 Evangelical Churches, President of Interfaith Alliance of
26 Hawaii, President of the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation
27 Center, President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs,
28 Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Board of Trustees of
29 Kawaiaha'o Church, The Cathedral of St. Andrew, Kaumakapili
30 Church, Harris United Methodist Church, St. Augustine By-the-Sea
31 Catholic Church, and Central Union Church.
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